

Letter from New York.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The public hang with breathless suspense upon every rumor from the Rapahannock.

The Great Eastern will probably commence receiving freight next week. The agents here are very anxious that she should return home as speedily as possible, as if anxious to get her off their hands.

The news from Washington, that the bill establishing an ordinance depot at Hoboken, involving a Government expenditure of nearly a million of dollars, is certain to pass, has imparted a strong impetus to real estate speculation on that side of the river.

An extensive organization has recently been effected in this city, having for its object the sending of such assistance to Mexico as will enable her to maintain her position against her threatened subjugation by the French. Many wealthy citizens are said to be identifying themselves with it, but it is highly probable that the Government will step in and interfere with the programme, on the ground that it is likely to complicate our relations with France.

Late last night a descent was made upon an establishment for the manufacture of obscene stereoscopic views, in Wall street (No. 19), and a large stock of disgusting pictures seized. It appears that this establishment has been well known to the police for sometime, and it was only by stratagem that sufficient proof was obtained to warrant the descent.

No less than fourteen wills were admitted to probate to-day in the Surrogate's Court.—Among them that of the late Daniel Boll, formerly a well-known merchant of this city.—Deceased was a native of Switzerland, and in his will makes provision for the foundings and support of a public library in his native village. \$5500 alone is appropriated for the building to contain the library.

Brig Caroline, Hartford, from Aspinwall, at this port to-day, reports, 11th inst., 118 miles southeast of Sandy Hook, passed the wreck of a vessel on her beam ends, apparently a three deck ship, with main topmast, and mizzen mast gone; late in the day, passed a large quantity of wrecked stuff, such as oranges, barrels, deck-planks, spars, etc.

The grand jury, this afternoon, brought in indictments against Dr. E. M. Brown and Augustus L. Simms, for manslaughter and abortion, in causing the death of Clementina Anderson. The accused are now confined in the Tombs. Their trial will probably not come on for some time.

Early this morning an attempt was made to destroy the unoccupied barracks on Riker's Island by fire—but the flames were extinguished before serious damage was done.

A call was issued a few days since, signed by a number of our prominent merchants, for a meeting in aid of the suffering French operatives, which was to be held this afternoon at No. 52 Pine street. At the appointed hour, however no one appearing, the meeting was adjourned till next week. It seems that this move is far from popular, and while it is possible to raise plenty of money to help the English poor, it is an utter impossibility to even get a meeting together to help the French sufferers.

The "event" in the provision market, to-day, was the award of the Government contract for 400,000 pounds of bacon, for the army. The names of the lucky parties have not yet transpired, but the rates are known to have ranged from \$7 30 to \$8 per 100 pounds.

Produce is coming down the Hudson in immense quantities. The receipts to-day include 15,000 barrels of flour, 10,000 bushels corn, 5000 bushels barley and 70,000 bushels oats. Forwarders are making the most of the mild weather to hurry down the "tows."

Military Marauding.

[From the New York Times.]

A private letter to us from a high-minded officer in one of the Southwestern armies has this statement:—"If I should tell you the state of demoralization of many of our old regiments in the Valley of the Mississippi, you would not believe it. They have no respect for man or woman, and are guilty of offences that, if committed at home, would send them to the penitentiary for life." Similar representations are made in so many other quarters that it is no longer possible to doubt that portions of our army have become greatly demoralized.

It is not a pleasant fact, but it is criminal to shut our eyes to it. Every loyal organ of opinion in the land should raise its voice against it, and demand its correction.

The wrong is a prodigious hindrance to the revival of Union feeling. The war has been prosecuted with the expectation that when their leaders were broken down and crushed out by force, the Southern people, benefited by experience, would again turn to the old flag. All hope of this must disappear if, by the practical conduct of the Federal armies, we show that it is not a love of the Union, a genuine nationality of feeling, that constrains us to strike these blows, but the thirst for plunder and the lust of domination. Nothing can be conceived better calculated, than such misconduct of the Federal soldiers, to nerve the Southern people to additional desperation against submission, and to leave stings after submission which will rankle for generations.

To sum up, then, we say—this growing practice of military marauding must be stopped.—It dishonors the loyal cause, hardens the rebellion, demoralizes the soldier, and breeds untold mischief to society. To stop it two things are necessary: justice to the soldier; justice from the soldier. We look to the Government for the one; to the Generals for the other.

"Old Jordan, the drummer," is a name familiar to every one who ever dwelt a season in New Orleans. Jordan is a free colored man. His profession is that of a drummer, and he beat the drum that waked Jackson, on the morning of the 8th of January, 1815,—and was with Scott all through the march to Mexico. He owns some property in New Orleans. Being put to the alternative of taking the oath of allegiance, or see his property confiscated, he chose the latter, and poor old Jordan is now poor indeed.

All the coal offices in Cincinnati were closed on Wednesday, the proprietors declining to receive any more orders on account of the short supply.

A man in Baltimore, yesterday, killed one person and wounded another who were robbing his house.

There are indications, at Fortress Monroe, of important army movements.

3rd ARRIVAL EXTRAORDINARY.—For one night only.—The celebrated "Pete Jenkins" has arrived in Alexandria, and will appear at "Nixon Circus" next Saturday. dec 12—2t

NEW BUCKWHEAT AND POULTY.—I have just received, per express, 20 dozen fine Chickens; 2000 lbs. Harford county Buckwheat, which will be closed out at lowest rates. L. N. HOWARD, No. 175 King street. dec 12

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A REGIMENT REPORTING ITSELF.—The N. Haven Journal publishes the following letter from Aquia Creek, Dec. 7: "For five days we have floundered through Maryland soil, carrying guns, knapsacks, blankets, shelter tents, and one hundred round of cartridges. The distance traveled is nearly seventy miles, and we might have made it by steamer in four hours. With dozens of other regiments we crossed the Potomac yesterday afternoon, and are now encamped with thousands upon the hills and in the valleys.

"The march through Maryland will never be forgotten by the troops, and there is but little doubt that the inhabitants along the route will also remember the mammoth movement for some time to come. Chickens, turkeys and geese, hogs, calves and cattle, vanished like deer. Cats, dogs and mules were the only 'exempts,' and it is a chance if this diet don't suffer before all the brigades get through.—Most people enjoy a meal occasionally, and if government fails to provide it, they are quite likely to provide for themselves, especially on a forced march.

"Many have scruples about stealing for a living, but few about stealing to live. The rapidity with which droves of hogs disappeared, would have excited the envy of a Cincinnati butcher. The report of a gun, a squeal, and a few slashes with a knife, sealed their fate, and five minutes later the savory smell of steaks gave promise of something to eat. Altogether it was quite a little walk.

Dispatches (private) were received in the city yesterday from Oil city concerning a heavy loss of oil in Oil Creek by an ice gorge. One dispatch put the loss at 10,000 barrels, valued at \$100,000. From the activity manifested among oil speculators, and the amount of telegraphing, we judge there is a prospect of another rise in oil.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

In the crowd that crossed in the boats, to Fredericksburg, was a newsboy from New York, known as "Jimmy." The young adventurer had smuggled himself in the boats, and being a favorite the men did not put him out.

DIED.

In Washington, Pa., on the 30th ult., in the 68th year of his age, Dr. JOHN D. VOWELL, formerly of Alexandria, Va.

CENTRE MARKET,

179 KING STREET,

BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND COLUMBUS.

THE undersigned take this method of informing the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity that they have opened the above stand, which is both commodious and centrally located, where they are prepared to furnish their customers with

ALL KINDS OF MEATS,

including Fish, Poultry, Game, and all kinds of Vegetables in their season. We invite the patronage of the citizens of Alexandria and the public generally.

Purchases delivered to any part of the city, free of charge. HYATT & CO., dec 13—1w Proprietors.

A RARE CHANCE FOR BUSINESS.—

Any person wishing to engage in a good paying cash business, where a very small capital is required, can hear of a good opportunity by enquiring at the Cigar Store, No. 163 King street. About \$250 or \$275 required to buy the building, fixtures, &c. The most satisfactory reason shown for selling.

Also, for sale a PAIR OF HORSES, sett of new DOUBLE HARNESS and a roomy WAGON, suitable for a Butcher. Price \$200. dec 13—1t

NOTICE.—I hereby forewarn and forbid any persons harboring or employing my son, ROBT. SIMMS, as I am resolved to put the law in force against any one so offending. dec 13—3t WM. SIMMS.